IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Supplemental to the amendments made to the specification in the preliminary amendment filed September 28, 2005 and the amendment filed February 28, 2006, please replace the Summary of Invention section on page 2, line 7 through page 3, line 3 with the following amended section:

-- In consideration of the foregoing, the object of the present invention is to provide an information processing apparatus which manages a first shared device, including: (1) ~~management means for managing information of a first shared device managed by the information processing apparatus; (2)~~ selection means for selecting ~~a group comprising a plurality of devices including the first shared device and~~ a second shared device managed by another information processing apparatus; (2) determination means for determining which information processing apparatus manages the second shared device selected by the selection means; (3) reception means for receiving information of the second shared device ~~included in the group~~ selected by the selection means from the other information processing apparatus determined by said determination means, the received information including information of the second shared device comprising an updated status and a connected condition; (4) recognition means for recognizing whether at least one of the first and second shared devices has been updated regarding its status, in accordance with the information received by the reception means; (5) renewal means for updating the information on the status ~~and/or~~ or a connected condition of the second shared device in accordance with a recognition result made by the recognition means; and (6) display means for displaying the information on the status ~~and/or~~ or the connected

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condition of the first shared device and the second shared device updated by the renewal means and the information of the first shared device ~~managed by the management means~~ on a same screen of the display means, wherein the displayed information on the first shared device is updated and the information on a third shared device which is managed by the information processing apparatus but not selected by the selection means is not updated ~~and a method and memory therefor~~.

Another aspect of the present invention provides an information processing apparatus which manages a first shared device including: (1) ~~management means for managing information of a first shared device managed by the information processing apparatus; (2)~~ selection means for selecting ~~a group comprising a plurality of devices including the first shared device and~~ a second shared device managed by another information processing apparatus; (2) determination means for determining which information processing apparatus manages the second shared device selected by the selection means; (3) obtaining means for obtaining information on a status or a connected condition of the second shared device ~~included in the group~~ selected by the selection means from the other information processing apparatus determined by said determination means; (4) recognition means for recognizing whether at least one of the first and second devices has been updated regarding its status ~~and/or~~ or connected condition, in accordance with the information obtained by the obtaining means; and (5) display means for displaying, on a display of the information processing apparatus, the information on the status ~~and/or~~ or the connected condition of the second shared device, in accordance with a recognition result made by the recognition means, and information on a status ~~and/or~~ or a connected condition of the first shared device ~~in accordance with the information managed by the~~

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management means, wherein the displayed information on the first shared device is updated and the information on a third shared device which is managed by the information processing apparatus but not selected by the selection means is not updated and a method and memory therefor.

Yet another aspect of the present invention provides an information processing apparatus that manages a first device, including: (1) designation means for designating a group comprising a plurality of devices including the first device and a second device managed by another information processing apparatus; (2) determination means for determining which information processing apparatus manages the second device designated by the designation means; (3) obtaining means for obtaining first device information on the first device from the first device, and second device information on the second device included in the group designated by the designation means from the other information processing apparatus determined by said determining means; and (3) (4) display means for displaying a status and/or or a connected condition of the first and second devices based on the first device information and the second device information obtained by the obtaining means wherein the displayed information on the first device is updated and the information on a third device which is managed by the information processing apparatus but not designated by the designation means is not update , and a method and memory therefor.

Yet a further aspect of the present invention provides an information processing apparatus which manages first and second devices, including: (1) selection means for selecting a third device managed by another information processing apparatus; (2) determination means for determining which information processing apparatus manages the third device selected by the

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selection means; (3) reception means for receiving information of the third device selected by the selection means from the other information processing apparatus determined by the determination means; and (4) display means for displaying the information of the third device received by the reception means and information of the first and second devices managed by the information processing apparatus such that the information of the second device and the information of the first device is displayed in different conditions, and a method and memory therefor.--

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the Summary of Invention section on page 2, line 7 through page 3, line 3 with the following amended section:

-- In consideration of the foregoing, the object of the present invention is to provide an ~~information processing method for use in a network system enabling unified efficient management of the commonly shared devices on the network constantly by latest status information, and an information processing apparatus for executing such method.~~

~~The above-mentioned object can be attained, according to the present invention, by an information processing apparatus for use in a network system including plural information processing apparatus connected to a commonly shared device which is usable from another apparatus through the network, the information processing apparatus being featured in the following manner. The information of a shared device present in the above-mentioned network system is managed by management means, and the information of the shared device in the management means is renewed according to the received information of the shared device connected to another information processing apparatus. Also the information processing apparatus transmits the information of the shared device, connected to the own host apparatus, to other apparatus on the network system.~~ information processing apparatus for managing a network system provided with a plurality of information processing apparatuses, each of which is connected to a plurality of shared devices that can be used by at least one other information processing apparatus through the network system. The information processing apparatus includes: (1) management means for managing information of a first shared device managed by said information processing apparatus; (2) reception means for receiving, from another information processing apparatus, information of a second shared device used by the other

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information processing apparatus, the received information including information of the second shared device comprising an updated status and a connected condition; (3) recognition means for recognizing which one of the first and second shared devices has been updated regarding its status, in accordance with the information received by said reception means; (4) renewal means for updating the information on the status or a connected condition of the second shared device in accordance with a recognition result made by said recognition means; and (5) display means for displaying the information on the status or the connected condition of the second shared device updated by the renewal means and the information of the first shared device managed by the management means on a same screen of the display means.

Another aspect of the present invention provides an information processing apparatus for communicating with at least one other information processing apparatus and a plurality of devices via a communication link, and managing a plurality of shared devices. The apparatus includes: (1) management means for managing information of a plurality of shared devices first shared device managed by the information processing apparatus; (2) obtaining means for obtaining, from another information processing apparatus, information on a status or a connected condition of a second shared device managed by the other information processing apparatus; (3) recognition means for recognizing which one of the first and second devices has been updated regarding its status or connected condition, in accordance with the information obtained by the obtaining means; and (4) display means for displaying, on a display of the information processing apparatus, the information on the status or the connected condition of the second shared device, in accordance with a recognition result made by the recognition means, and information on a status or a connected condition of the first shared device in accordance with the information managed by the management means.--